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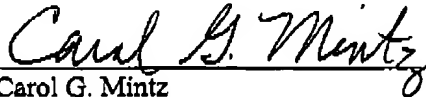
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Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the personal interview with Examiner Padmavathi Baskar on December 2, 2004 and December 6, 2004, and concur with the Interview Summary that accompanied the *Notice of Allowance* dated January 6, 2005. Applicant's undersigned representative was contacted by telephone call from Examiner Baskar on December 2, 2004 and December 6, 2004. Claims 1-68 were discussed, and the Examiner suggested making the amendments to improve the claim form without changing the scope of the claims. It was agreed that the claims, as amended by Examiner's Amendment, were allowable. The claim wording agreed to by Applicants is accurately reflected in the *Examiner's Amendment* attached to the *Notice of Allowance*.

No references were discussed.

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